

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 17 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 18 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 16 Dec 2023 at 15:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very wet and windy conditions on Sunday then drier for Monday. High for unsettled and changeable weather next week but low for details from Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 17 Dec 2023: Very wet and windy conditions with risk of flooding.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 17 Dec 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

High Likelihood

Storm force winds

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
50%	50%	70%	90%	90%	90%	70%	70%

Forecast for Sunday 17 Dec 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of light rain overnight, becoming heavy and persistent later of Lochaber. A very wet day with persistent and heavy rain spreading south across all ranges. Strong winds giving atrocious walking conditions. Flooding is likely to affect paths and approach roads. Rain and winds gradually becoming lighter late in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor visibility due to heavy rain and low cloud. Extensive cloud and fog above 500 or 600m, often to lower slopes in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	56/71 SW	57/72 SW	59/75 SW	56/72 SW	53/67 SW	47/61 SW	38/50 SW	32/41 SW	28/36 SW
900	41/54 SW	40/54 SW	41/56 SW	38/53 SW	36/50 SW	33/46 SW	28/39 SW	23/31 SW	19/25 SW
600	49/63 SW	49/63 SW	50/65 SW	47/61 SW	44/58 SW	38/51 SW	31/41 SW	24/32 SW	18/25 SW
300	25/39 SW	26/41 SW	26/41 SW	25/40 SW	23/38 SW	21/34 SW	17/28 SW	13/22 SW	10/16 SW
Glen	19/38 SW	20/40 SW	20/39 SW	19/39 SW	19/38 SW	17/34 SW	14/28 SW	11/22 SW	8/16 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-7	2/-7	2/-7	2/-7	3/-5	4/-4	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2
900	4/-3	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2	5/-1	6/-0	6/1	6/1	6/2
600	6/-1	6/-1	6/-0	6/-0	7/1	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/4
300	8/4	8/4	9/4	8/4	9/5	10/6	10/7	10/7	9/7
Glen	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	2000m	2100m	2700m	2900m	2800m	2800m	2700m	2600m	2400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Heavy rain and strong winds giving very difficult and hazardous walking conditions.

Forecast for Monday 18 Dec 2023

Weather: Cloudy and misty with occasional light rain or drizzle then becoming mainly dry in the afternoon. Some showers arriving in the evening, turning wintry above 700m.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 15mph gusts 25mph, increasing to 30mph gusts 45mph in evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in morning, improving to 70%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to low slopes in the morning with poor visibility. Lifting and breaking through afternoon with visibility becoming mainly good, but brief reductions in showers later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 9C.

At 800m: Plus 5C, falling to Plus 1C in evening.

Freezing level: Well above summit falling to 1200m in afternoon, then 900m in evening.